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GOVERNOR PATRICK APPOINTS EXPERIENCED LEADER STEPHEN CROSBY AS CHAIR OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION

BOSTON – Tuesday, December 13, 2011 – Governor Deval Patrick today appointed Stephen Crosby as chair of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. A former CEO, secretary of Administration and Finance and gubernatorial chief of staff, Crosby currently serves as dean of the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at UMass Boston.

“Steve Crosby possesses the integrity and strong management skills we need to lead the new Gaming Commission,” said Governor Patrick. “I trust Steve to build an organization that meets the public’s high expectations and my own for integrity and professionalism. I look forward to working with the attorney general and treasurer on the remaining appointments.”

As the chair of the newly created Commission, Crosby will lead the implementation of expanded gaming in Massachusetts.

“It will be up to me and the Commission to assure both the public and the participants in the gaming industry that the process for developing expanded gaming in Massachusetts is honest, transparent and fair,” said Crosby. “The Commonwealth and its residents have much to gain, most particularly in the creation of jobs.”

Crosby has served in a variety of senior leadership positions in the private and public sectors, serving under both Republican and Democratic governors. In May of 2000, Governor Paul Cellucci appointed Crosby as his secretary of Administration and Finance. In January 2002, acting Governor Jane Swift named Crosby chief of staff. In

2006, Governor Deval Patrick named Crosby a co-chair of the Patrick-Murray Administration's budget and finance transition team, implementing the initial policies that have positioned Massachusetts as a national leader in fiscal responsibility and economic recovery. In March of 2009, Governor Patrick tapped Crosby to lead a review studying compensation of top managers at the state's quasi-public agencies and in 2010, Crosby was picked by the state's Supreme Judicial Court to serve on a task force to review hiring practices of the Massachusetts courts and probation department.

"This is a terrific appointment," said former Governor Cellucci. "Steve Crosby is a bright and effective leader and a natural consensus seeker who will solicit all viewpoints respectfully."

"Dean Crosby is a terrific choice for Governor Patrick," said UMass Boston Chancellor J. Keith Motley. "His experience in state government, contributions to the University of Massachusetts Boston's McCormack Graduate School and commitment to sound public policy and good government will serve him well as he embarks upon this new and challenging position."

A successful entrepreneur and business executive, Crosby was founder and publisher of CCI/Crosby Publishing in Boston. He has served as chairman and CEO of technology and publishing companies, including Interactive Radio Corp., Inc., SmartRoute Systems, Inc., Crosby Vandenburg Group and MetroGuide, Inc.

The expanded gaming legislation signed by Governor Patrick in November 2011 allows for up to three destination resort casinos in geographically-diverse locations, along with one slots facility, competitively awarded statewide. The legislation includes many of the principles Governor Patrick has advocated for throughout the lengthy public debate on expanding gaming, including transparent and competitive bidding of licenses, maximizing long-term value to the Commonwealth, expanding jobs and economic development benefits across all regions of the state, protecting host communities and nearby regions, addressing all social impacts and costs and ensuring rigorous public safety, regulatory and enforcement mechanisms will be the best in the country.

Through the legislation, the five-member Massachusetts Gaming Commission was created as an independent body responsible for implementing and overseeing the gaming licensing process with the utmost integrity. The chair of the Commission is appointed by the Governor and the attorney general and treasurer will each appoint one member. The remaining two members will be appointed by two out of the three appointing authorities. The Commission must be bipartisan, with no more than three members representing the same political party. The full Commission must be appointed by March 21, 2012.

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